

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, RP  
SUBJ: SEDITION CHARGES FILED AGAINST CHARITO PLANAS

REF: MANILA 5513

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, PHILIPPINE MILITARY  
AUTHORITIES FILED SEDITION CHARGES AGAINST LABAN CANDIDATE  
CHARITO PLANAS APRIL 13. THE CHARGES ARISE OUT OF A RAID  
ON PLANAS' HOME APRIL 7 AT WHICH TIME A CARBINE, 70 ROUNDS  
OF AMMUNITION AND SUBVERSIVE DOCUMENTS WERE ALLEGEDLY  
DISCOVERED (REFTEL).

2. GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO RESURRECTED FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHARGE OF  
SEDITION PENDING AGAINST PLANAS FROM EARLY DAYS OF MARTIAL  
LAW. IN OCTOBER 1973 PLANAS WAS ACCUSED OF INCITING  
"OTHER TO COMMIT SEDITION BY PUBLISHING AND CIRCULATING  
SCURRILOUS LIBEL AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT." PLANAS WAS  
DETAINED AT THAT TIME BUT LATER CONDITIONALLY RELEASED.  
PRESS REPORTS THAT A MILITARY PANEL HAS CONDUCTED A  
PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF THE FIVE-YEAR-OLD CASE AND  
RECOMMENDED FORMAL CHARGES NOT BE FILED.

3. COMMENT: PLANAS WAS ONE OF LABAN'S MOST EFFECTIVE  
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COMAPIGNERS AND, PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, WAS THOUGHT  
TO BE AMONG THE LABAN CANDIDATES WITH A GOOD  
CHANCE OF WINNING. DURING THE CAMPAIGN PLANAS WAS ESPECIALLY  
CRITICAL OF MRS. MARCOS AND CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT.  
EMBOFF WAS TOLD RECENTLY BY KNOWLEDGEABLE MANILA-BASED FOREIGN  
CORRESPONDENT THAT THE WEAPON AND DOCUMENTS FOUND IN  
PLANAS' HOUSE WERE PLANTED BY POLICE FOLLOWING THEIR

FAILURE TO DISCOVER ANY INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE DURING  
RAID. SAME STORY GIVEN US BY LABAN SUPPORTER WHO ALSO  
REPORTED THAT PLANAS REMAINS IN HIDING.  
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